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Rec center rides on Tuesday's vote

by Izumi Yamashita and Travis Graven
Staff Writers

Voters will head to the polls tomorrow in Waverly to decide the fate of a local option sales tax that would increase the current five percent state sales tax to six percent on most items.

The 1 percent tax increase would help fund a $5.7 million indoor recreation center.

Students registered to vote in Bremer County can cast their ballots tomorrow in the P.E. Complex from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"I don't want to spend money for things that might not be finished before I graduate."
—Chris Knudson
freshman

This new aquatic/wellness center would be built over the existing east ball diamond in Memorial Park, just south of Kids Kingdom along Highway 218.

Voters will ultimately decide the future of the indoor recreation center. The building of the center is conditional on the passing of the local option sales tax. If the tax is approved, Waverly Parks and Recreation Director Tab Ray hopes the facility would be completed by late 1999 or early 2000.

Included in the facility would be an aquatics area with a combination leisure and lane pool, a large gymnasium with a floor surface designed to allow rollerblading and rollerskating, an elevated walking/jogging track, a weightlifting/cardiovascular fitness room and a teen/senior social activity room, as well as a family wellness area, which includes a climbing wall and drop-in child care.

The proposed local option sales tax is a 1 percent tax for all purchased items, excluding food, gasoline and pharmacy items.

Money from the tax goes to local use. It would be implemented in 1999 and end in 2014 if the proposal passes. Three of the 22 counties in northeast Iowa already have this tax.

Ray predicts a facility like this would offer enormous opportunities to the residents of Waverly and Wartburg College.

"I view this as a win-win situation with Wartburg College," said Ray.

"We have many fitness management majors at Wartburg, and this facility would be a tremendous environment to place interns."
—Gary Grace
athletic director

There is no direct support of this project from the college, but Ray stressed the fact that Wartburg has always had a good relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department in the sharing of facilities and help with programs.

Wartburg students would probably be the primary employee base for the recreation center, said Ray. He estimates that approximately 50 part-time workers would be needed if the facility were built.

According to Ray, the center would also play host to a variety of classes and programs. Those might range from activities like aquatics and lifeguarding to aerobics.

Gary Grace, Wartburg College athletics director, also pointed out several ways Wartburg College and the general public could benefit from an indoor recreation center.

Grace commented on the growing number of people in Waverly who are using the P.E.C. at Wartburg. He said this proposed recreation center "would take a lot of stress off Wartburg's facilities."

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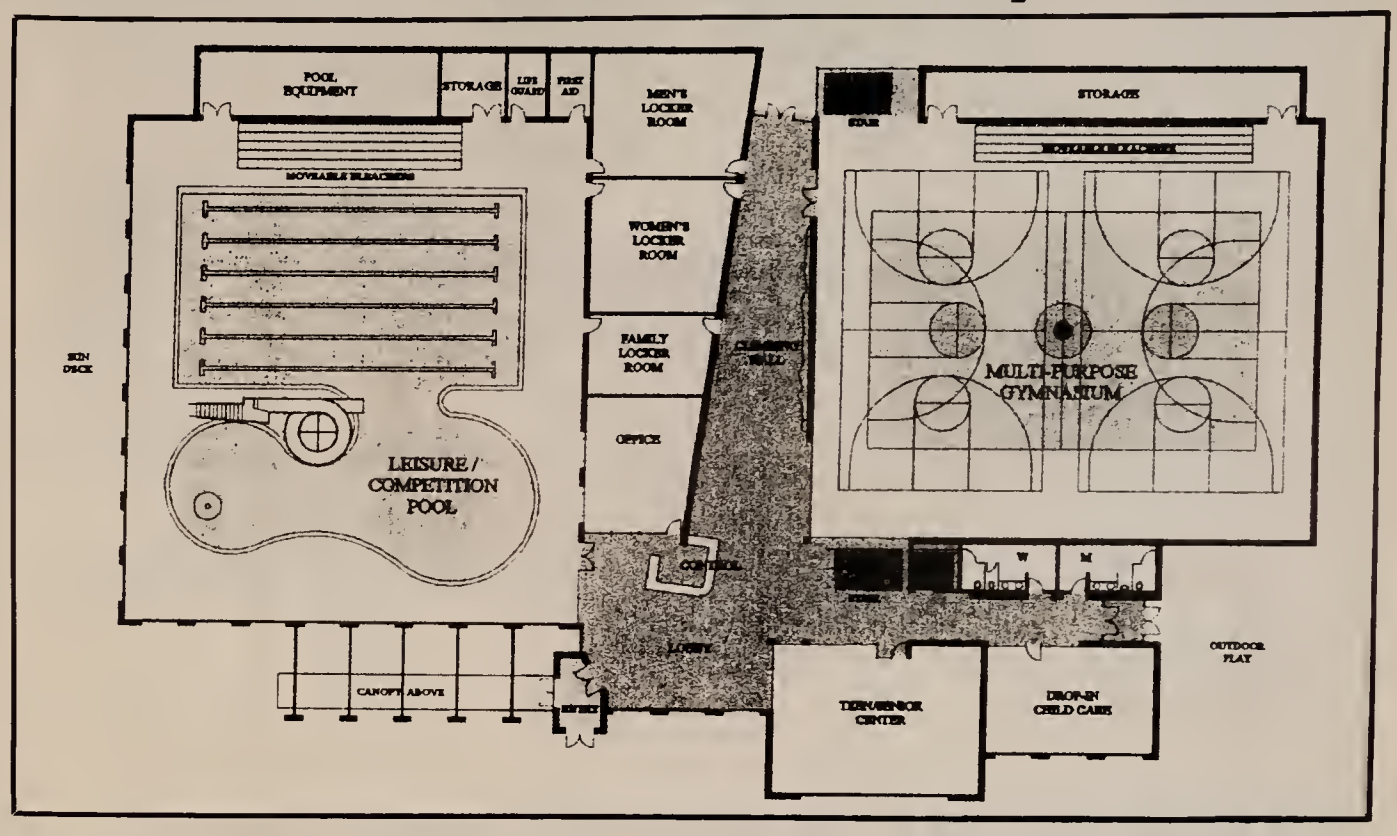

If voters pass the local options sales tax tomorrow, the 1 percent tax increase would help fund a multi-million dollar indoor recreation facility. These plans for the first floor of the proposed rec center were distributed by Citizens for a New Waverly Indoor Recreation Center.

Students see $35 cut in financial aid

Squeeze on Iowa Tuition Grants due to "good intentions"

by Karris Golden
Staff Writer

The belt was tightened on the Iowa Tuition Grant for the 1997-98 school year.

Due to several factors, many students at Iowa's private colleges experienced a $35 cut in their award.

Over the past year, Governor Terry Branstad repeatedly pushed for increased aid to college students.

Among other changes, the governor proposed a boost in the Iowa Tuition Grant. Branstad's campaigning led to many extending the application deadline for the grant.

The original deadline was April 20, but for this school year, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (ICSAC) decided to accept applications until the first of June.

Jamie Hightower, Wartburg's director of financial aid, feels it was this extension that made the $35 cut necessary.

"As far as I'm concerned, they had good intentions, and they over-extended themselves.

"They were able to extend the benefits to more students this way, but they couldn't give the increases they'd talked about," she said.

Iowa State Legislator Bob Brunkhorst said the decrease means more people are attending private colleges in Iowa.

The same amount of funding must be shared between more students, he said.

According to the ICSAC, the average award was $3,150 annually for eligible students during the 1996-97 school year.

In the spring of 1997, Branstad proposed an increase to $3,400 for 1997-98.

Brunkhorst said students who attend state schools in Iowa receive a $4,000 subsidy through the Iowa tuition grant.

"We should be able to give you a $4,000 grant to go to a private school," said Brunkhorst.

Brunkhorst said he hopes to see that happen in the next five to ten years.

The ICSAC bases eligibility on residency and financial need.

"They were able to extend the benefits to more students this way, but they couldn't give the increases they'd talked about."
—Jamie Hightower
director of financial aid

This applies only to private schools, however. Public schools do not set a financial needs clause.

Hightower said every Wartburg student who was eligible and applied before the deadline received $3,365 for this school year.

"If your family's contribution doesn't exceed $8,500, and you meet the other criteria, you received the full award," said Hightower.

The Iowa Tuition Grant was established in 1969 by the state legislature to "give more students the option of attending Iowa private colleges and universities," according to the ICSAC.

Students can receive the grant for up to four years of undergraduate study.

During the 1996-97 school year, the grant subsidized the tuition of more than 14,000 students in Iowa.

The ICSAC reports that the state will appropriate more than $40 million in student aid this year.

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New MIDI lab updates department

by Stephanie Ladlie
Entertainment Editor

"There's tremendous value for students in a particular discipline to have their own space," said Tom Hausmann, director of academic computing.

The music department just put some of its space to new use.

A new computer lab equipped with 21 stations consisting of Macintosh 7300/180 computers and Yamaha PSR-220 keyboards, a large screen television, VCR, Laserdisc player and audiophile sound will open for student use before Feb. 1.

The new lab will also be capable of overhead instruction using an ELMO visual presenter, which projects whatever is underneath it onto the television screen, just like in a department store electronics section.

"For many years we existed with an out-of date computer and MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) equipment," said Dr. Eric Wachmann, assistant professor of music. "It was time to get current."

According to Wachmann, use of the lab will be integrated into the music curriculum, but will not be restricted to music majors.

"Any student who has any sort of musical background or is interested in software can explore their creativity without participating in (music) ensembles or classes," said Wachmann.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT GETS DIGITAL FACE-LIFT— Eric Wachmann, assistant professor of music, looks at the new MIDI lab in the Fine Arts Center. A $40,000 grant helped fund the new technological equipment, which Wachmann said is one of the best labs in the region.

"The most valuable part of this lab is the opportunity for students to get hands-on experience arranging and composing pieces, and the numerous programs available to benefit ear training students," said sophomore Brian Cole, a music education major.

Hausmann also stressed the accesibility of the lab for all students. "It says a lot about this college in that undergraduate students have access to these mahcines," he said. "You wouldn't have access to them at a larger university — there's just too many students."

"I think it can be a very useful place if it will actually be as accomodating to students as people say it will be," said sophomore music major Heather Tuttle.

The computers are equipped with notational, educational, compositional, marching band, theory and ear training programs.

In addition to music programs, Microsoft Office, Telnet and Netscape are available.

The classroom, Fine Arts Center 213, will be called the "Presser Music Technology Classroom" in recognition of the Presser Foundation, who awarded a $40,000 grant to help fund the lab.

The lab cost approximately $100,000, the rest of which was raised through private donations plus staff support from Wartburg College.

"I've been told it's the best (music lab) in the region. There's nothing within hundreds of miles that compares to it," Wachmann said.

Hausmann agreed. "It's a perfect room for what the music faculty envisioned. They have good equipment, enthusiastic faculty and interested students. It's a true evolution of computing instructional technology."

Technology does change quickly, though. Wachmann said he anticipates a software update every five years. Other equipment, such as the speakers, will not become obsolete that soon, so they may stay for ten or 15 years.

Once open, the lab will be staffed by music work study students when not being used by classes.

Ailing Asian economy triggers thoughts of what's affordable

by Min Su Chai
Staff Writer

Asian students at Wartburg College are experiencing a difficult period because of their countries' bad economies.

Since October, the Asian economy has become worse. Thailand, Indonesia and Korea have especially big problems.

Three months ago, one dollar was 907 won, which is the Korean currency, but now it is 1696 won.

Japanese students Eriko Ono, Miki Asai, and Sachiyo Kawaguchi said they hope they can get scholarships from Wartburg College.

"I think my school does not have a good scholarship system for international students," said Asai, a sophomore.

"I just want to get a scholarship from my school, and it can make me stay here without any problem.

"I am thinking about transferring to a cheaper school," she said.

"I think my school does not have a good scholarship system for international students."

—Miki Asai
sophomore

Asai is working in the cafeteria to make money, although she has lots of things to do for her classes.

Freshman Ada Tse from Hong Kong said she is looking for a cheaper school.

"Every day I go to the computer lab to find a school which gives me a good scholarship and allows me to pay less for the tuition. As soon as I find a good school, I will transfer there," she said.

David Fredrick, director of international admissions, said, "I do not think the bad Asian economy is a long-term problem."

Fredrick said he hopes that students from these countries can get a little extra time to pay the bill.

"Now I cannot help them, but if I get individual corporations and funds from the college, I need to increase scholarships for international students," he said.

"I am also watching this situation very closely. If that situation will be a long-term problem, we have to look at a long-term solution."

Popular program breaks faculty freeze

by Kendra Kehe
Staff Writer

A new faculty position will be added to Wartburg College for the upcoming school year.

According to Liz Mathis, communication arts department chair, a full-time public relations (PR) position has been approved for the communication arts department.

Mathis said this is the only campus department that received approval to create a new position this year.

Mathis said due to increases in enrollment, a full-time position in PR was necessary.

"We have experienced rapid growth in our department," she said.

"We want to make sure the students get the education they need to be successful in communication arts and [more specifically] in PR.

"We are very fortunate to get the faculty position approved," she said.

"We have experienced rapid growth in our department. We want to make sure students get the education they need to be successful."

—Liz Mathis
communication arts department chair

This will be the first time Wartburg will have a full-time professor devoted solely to teaching PR courses. Currently, Mark Mathis is the part-time PR lecturer.

The new position was approved by Dean of Faculty Mary Margaret Smith in December.

According to Edie Waldstein, associate dean for academic affairs, the faculty council is involved in the process of creating a new faculty position.

The committee reviews the new faculty proposals and gives advice to the dean of faculty.

Bob Gremmels, former Wartburg journalism professor, said PR courses have been taught in the Wartburg communication arts department since approximately 1980.

"[PR classes] came about because of a student demand for those courses," he said.

Many students who major in PR said hiring a full-time professor will bring numerous benefits to everyone who is majoring in the field.

"I think the students will benefit a lot from having a full-time professor of public relations," junior Julie Leonard said.

"It will promote continuity through the PR program," she said.

Campus briefs

SERVICE TRIPS SELL NAILS

Service trips will travel across the U.S. in March, but fundraising has already begun. Nails will be sold on Tuesday and Wednesday in Buhr Lounge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and outside the caf during supper. The nails sell for 50 cents each or three for a dollar. All proceeds will help defray the costs of the service trips.

SELF ESTEEM CLASS OFFERED

The counseling center will offer the class "Ten Days to Self-Esteem" beginning Thursday, from 3-5 p.m. in the counseling center. The course will meet every Thursday for eight weeks.

The course and all materials are offered at no charge to participants. Interested students may contact Sharon Snider at the counseling center at extension 8549 or 8596 with questions.

COLD AND FLU SEASON ARRIVES

The Health and Wellness Center wants to illustrate to students that colds and the flu have different symptoms.

Experts recommend that when an individual has a cold or flu, he or she should get plenty of rest, drink a lot of liquids and gargle salt water.

If symptoms persist, students should visit the Health and Wellness Center, which is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone extension is 8436.

NEW PEC HOURS

The PEC will be open today and next Monday until 11 p.m. The complex is trying the extra hour in response to students who have requested extended time at the gym.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETS

All are welcome to attend the Habitat for Humanity metting tonight. The meeting begins at 9 p.m. in the Chapel commons.

Security tries new approach in dorms

by Aaron Horman
Staff Writer

Wartburg Security is discussing ways to improve its image on campus. To help curb a negative reputation, newly-hired security director John Myers said he would like his staff to be more visible on campus and in the residence halls.

Security at Wartburg has two basic goals: the safety and security of students and the protection of college and student property.

Being present in the residence halls may be a possible solution to help the officers achieve the goals. Myers envisions officers stopping in RA offices on a random basis throughout a given night to see if there are concerns. According to Myers, officers may also choose to be seen in common areas such as study lounges and recreation rooms, not just the mechanical rooms late at night.

Director of Residential Life Pete Armstrong said more visibility of the officers would be an adjustment for students. He said the hope is that a shift in image would reduce suspicion and let the students know security is not just present for problems.

The halls are the students homes, and "we do not want to invade their privacy by being a watchdog," said Myers.

Both Myers and Armstrong agree an officer would not be walking each floor at a set time in a certain hall, but instead a random effort would be used.

"During slower times an officer could periodically check in on a building," Myers said.

"This is not a guard check, but an officer-friendly approach. We want to build rapport in the residence halls," said Myers.

Valerie Jones, Residence Hall Director for the Centennial Complex, said, "Security is a good thing and we do not want people to be alarmed of it and think something is always wrong if they see a security officer."

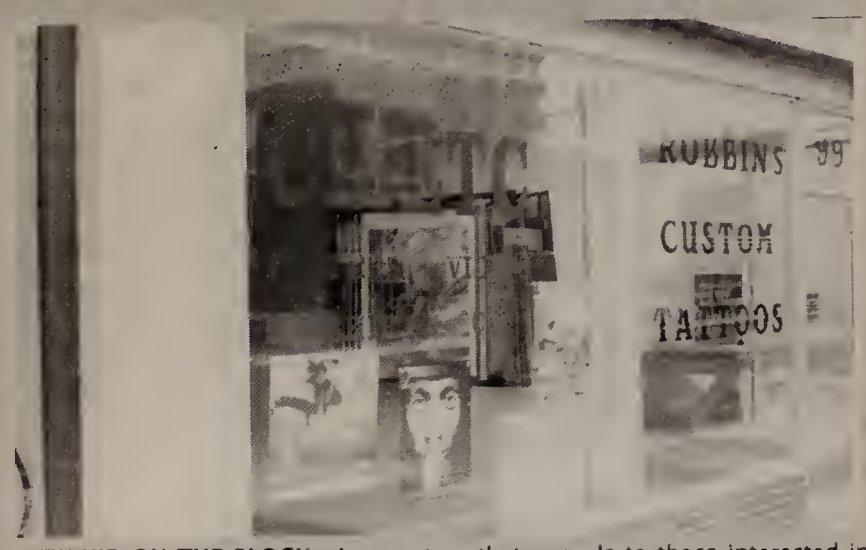
"The intentions of security are good. I hope students' reactions are ones of friendliness and not of fear.," said freshman Chris Thomas, a resident of Clinton Hall.

To make the goal of increased visibility a reality, Myers plans to meet with RHDs soon to discuss details and devise a plan for implementation.

Armstrong agreed a plan of this nature would allow security to be seen in a "different light," possibly giving students the opportunity to show off floor activities or hall decorations. Myers said he would like to give the officers a chance to get to know students and their names.

Jones said once security's presence is more widely accepted she would like to see them used as a resource, possibly for hall programs.

New store buys CDs



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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK—A new store that appeals to those interested in selling old compact discs, CD-ETC, opened recently on Bremer Avenue, next to Robbins Custom Tattoos.

by Karen McDonald
Staff Writer

Could you use some extra cash?

CD-ETC, a new local store, will buy your used CDs that you do not want anymore as long as they are in good shape.

"I opened CD-ETC because I realized there is not another CD-specific store in Waverly," said Eric Landis, CD-ETC owner. "There's no restriction on what I can and will carry for music."

CD-ETC is located at 99 E. Bremer Ave. and the store hours are Monday through Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m.

Landis' merchandise includes new and used CDs, all types of T-shirts, incense, posters and hats.

"We have everything that college students might need for their dorm rooms with the convenience of being in town," said Landis.

For now, CD-ETC accepts cash, checks and Discover Card/Novus as payment. In a couple of weeks, the store will also accept Mastercard, Visa and American Express.

"Please just come down and check out what we have to offer or you can give us a call at 352-5048," said Landis.

Voters to decide fate of rec center

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Grace cited the increased enrollment on campus, which results in more students wanting to use the P.E.C.

He noted the community's use of the proposed recreation center would not affect Wartburg students. Besides, Wartburg's facilities aren't really family-related like the recreation center would be, he said.

Both Grace and Ray identified this new recreation center as being a great opportunity for college students to fulfill internships.

"We have many fitness management majors at Wartburg, and this facility would be a tremendous environment to place interns," stated Grace.

A number of Wartburg students have expressed interest in the aquatic area.

"At least for me, it sounds like a great idea. I will definitely use it [the indoor swimming pool]." said Shannon Lau, sophomore.

From the college standpoint, having the recreation center benefits Wartburg as a recruitment tool. Prospective students may be impressed by an indoor pool in town. An indoor pool in the community would also enable Wartburg to offer water-oriented classes in physical education, Grace said.

In 1988 Wartburg proposed an indoor pool to be located where the soccer field is located now, but this proposal was rejected by the community.

One of the reasons of the rejection was Wartburg would have too much control over the pool and people in the town might not have much access to it.

Waverly is the largest town in Iowa without an indoor pool, and it is fairly uncommon for colleges the size of Wartburg not to have a pool.

On the other hand, freshman Chris Knudson said, "I am kind of leaning towards a 'no' vote because the location is not close to the campus, and it wouldn't be very accessible for those who don't have a car. And another thing is I don't want to spend money for things that might not be finished before I graduate."

"I hope students are aware of the issue and take time to vote. Wartburg students can have a huge impact,"
—Gary Grace
athletic director

Other opposition comes from residents concerned that the city will ultimately lose money, and those people who really need a facility like this are the ones who will least likely be able to afford it. Some are simply against the local option sales tax.

However, Grace said even if the city does go through with the building of this aquatic/wellness facility, it is unlikely that Wartburg would start a swim team. Participation in NCAA swimming is decreasing. Looking at other schools like Wartburg that currently have struggling swimming programs, Grace does not foresee much interest in the sport on this campus.

Community members who support the new indoor recreation center are interested in building and maintaining a high quality of life, creating a facility that will offer something for everyone in Waverly and making Waverly a better community that will be attractive to new businesses and residents.

"Last year, the project for the new library was completed in terms of fund raising," said Grace, "and now is the natural time to open the door again to see if we can get something new done."

According to the recreation center proposal, it will cost $5.7 million, and $3 million will be raised from the local option sales tax, which will be voted on tomorrow.

"We can't build it if the tax is not passed. That's why this [vote] is important," Grace said.

"I hope students are aware of the issue and take time to vote," said Grace. "Wartburg students can have a huge impact."

Grace became a member of the Waverly recreation center committee a year ago.

His role in the committee is to present Wartburg's view point to the center proposal because Wartburg College has been serving the fitness needs of the community for a long time, and the recreation center in the community will also benefit Wartburg students.

The greatest benefit of the recreation center for Wartburg students is an "indoor pool," Grace said.

Channel 13 will have a special program tonight at 8 about the issues surrounding the proposed local option sales tax increase and recreation center before the vote. Then it will broadcast the vote results at 8:45 p.m. tomorrow.

If the facility is built, a membership fee may be about $125 per year for seniors/students and $395 for families.

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"I know there were students who were disappointed because of the $35 cut in their Iowa Tuition Grant, but there weren't any who came in here screaming and complaining," said Hightower.

She encourages students who are displeased with the cut to contact their state legislator.

Hightower advises students to be positive.

"Eventually the grant will increase. If students have questions, they should call their senators or visit the Iowa Government web site."

Students who wish to find their state senator's phone number or e-mail address can contact the ICSAC at "icsac@max.state.ia.us".

Corrections & Clarifications

In the Jan. 12 edition of the *Trumpet*, a story on page 2 titled "Library moves downtown" incorrectly stated that a decision had been made to move Engelbrecht Library's materials to a site at 100 2nd St. SW and Bremer Ave. during the renovation period.

The desicion has been made to move the materials out of the library but a location has not yet been determined.

The *Trumpet* regrets the error.

Exercise
your right to vote in Tuesday's special election.

WATCH FOR FULL COVERAGE IN NEXT WEEK'S TRUMPET.

Editorial

Discrimination against gays called into question

Sometimes it's easy for predominantly white Midwesterners to take for granted the civil rights we enjoy as Americans.

We study and socialize, work and relax, secure in the knowledge that we have the freedom to worship how we want, say what we want, dress as we want and live like we want. For the most part, we place our faith in the fact that characteristics like gender or race will not bar us from most opportunities in our lives.

However, sometimes something happens that shakes up our complacency in our freedoms. Last week, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal on the case of a woman who was denied a job because of her sexual preference.

Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers promised Robin Shahar a job in his office upon her completion of Emory University law school, but when Bowers discovered Shahar had made a commitment vow with another woman, he withdrew his offer.

Shahar sued, claiming this violated her rights of equal protection and First Amendment rights of freedom of expression. She lost in District Court, won a temporary victory from a three-judge appellate panel, then lost in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

According to a Jan. 13 *New York Times* article, because of public hostility toward same sex marriages, the Attorney General has the right to place his concern for his department's efficient operation over Shahar's individual rights.

This case is a severe blow to the civil rights of homosexuals in America. While employers are not allowed to discriminate against racial minorities or women in their hiring practices, this case sets the precedent for legal discrimination against homosexuals.

If equality of opportunity is one of the main tenants upon which America rests, surely the foundation of that pillar has been slightly chipped away in the wake of this decision.

Sexual preference, like race or gender, is a characteristic that doesn't effect job performance. Because of this, homosexuals should be treated no differently than any other employee. If an employee is involved in a same-sex relationship, that fact is irrelevant to how he or she functions in the office.

It is understandable that Bowers, an elected public official, is concerned about his public image and popularity. But in August, Bowers admitted to having an affair with a woman in his department. Apparently, Bowers is not uniformly applying his high moral standards.

Whether one supports or is morally opposed to homosexuality, the fact remains that this sort of discrimination is un-American and unwarranted. Equality is equality across the board.

LETTER POLICY

Letters to the editor are subject to editing without changing the meaning of the letter, and authors will not be notified of changes prior to publishing. Letters must be signed, under 250 words, submitted in final form by Friday at 3 p.m. and related to current issues involving the Wartburg community. Letters may be e-mailed to: Trumpet. Please type "Letter to Editor" as the subject line.

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Cod rage hooks Norviel

Jill K. Norviel

Flirting with Digression

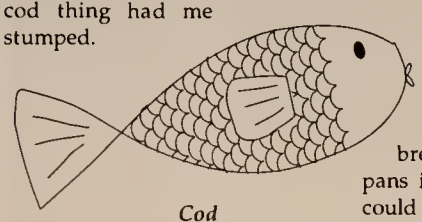
From this week's "Not that I'm complaining" files, I offer the following: Enough with the cod.

Every night my suitemates and I walk over to the caf full of anticipation and delight, and almost every night we've found the same thing: some brand of cod.

Now, as a vegetarian, maybe I'm being a bit hypocritical trying to discuss cod anyway, but I just don't understand. Is cod just cheap? Does it actually taste good? Is cod something that I will someday want to feed to my children, my cat, my enemies?

And what's really going on with the variations of cod? In the past week, I have observed people actually consuming (!) breaded cod, the ever-popular scrod cod, and, most recently, something called cod *loin*.

Now, this left me puzzled. I'm pretty certain I could identify the whereabouts of the loins of most animals (not that I'm a big loin aficionado, so don't think I'm some sort of sicko,) but this cod thing had me stumped.



Cod

I knew this was beyond my capabilities. I had to call in the experts on a situation like this.

Unfortunately, experts are sometimes hard to find, so I asked my roommate, who happens to be a biology major and who happened to be in the room, where said loin might be.

"Sally," I said to her, "where is a cod's loin?"

She gave me a *look* and asked if I happened to be joking. I told her that no, I was just interested.

She refused to answer, just shaking her head and sighing.

She does that a lot.

Now I've provided for all my alert readers a drawing, as far as I can fathom, of what a cod might look like in its natural, life-like state.

Now, once again, I haven't ever really *seen* a cod, just the sad, sad breaded versions sitting in pans in the caf, so my drawing could be a little off.

However, a fish is a fish, folks, and if anybody can tell me where the loin part is, you'll have the distinction of being mentioned in my next column, as well as being crowned "Fish Anatomy Specialist of the Year."

I will personally make you a pretty, spangly crown and welcome you to all the scrod, breaded and loin versions of cod a human can or would want to consume in a lifetime.

This will also put you in the running for "Fish Anatomy Specialist of the Decade," and let me tell you, that is no honor at which to sneeze.

Now, this fish issue reminds me of my high school days. Back at Johnston High School, they used to offer something called "fish shapes." Not sticks, *shapes*. And they were! They were (supposedly) fish meat in the shapes of fish. If it wasn't so disgusting, it would almost be cute.

They also used to serve us something called Mr. Ribb. It made it all more official that way. This wasn't just any slab of meat on a bun, this was **MR**. Ribb we were dealing with.

And the folks back home wonder why I'm a vegetarian now.

Letter

Internet censorship a personal job

When you think about the Internet most people see an endless supply of information. This is very true, but we need to think about the many different people that use the Internet.

There are over 22 million pages of information that are accessible at the click of the mouse. This is a public service; anyone can use the Internet and get published on it.

Therefore, we get many diverse materials on the Internet. Many people want their kids online at a very young age to use the different learning materials.

Because of the many diverse materials on the Net, however, some parents want someone to censor it.

If the government were to try to censor the Internet, it would prove to be very expensive and highly ineffective.

Not only are the current 22 million pages constantly changing, but there are one million new pages added to the World Wide Web every month.

I agree that we need to censor the Internet, but I think that the only feasible way to do it is self-restraint.

Drew Baker
freshman

Jeopardy confounds daily

Krista Klockentager

Tells It Like It Is

Well, for my first column of 1998, it's amazing, I am at a blank.

Do you have a friend whose mind is filled with useless information?

I am not offering an invitation to everyone on campus, but if you could witness "Jeopardy" in the Ernst lounge every weekday at 3:30 p.m. or thereabouts, you could see that my mind ... certainly is not.

There aren't too many things in this world that baffle me, but Jeopardy answers are one of those things.

But I do need to mention a certain daily 'opponent' of mine, who literally beats the Jeopardy champion half the time. I will tell you about it ...

I have to honor Mr. Kurt Reckamp for being a champion of total useless knowledge, unless, for some reason, he decided to actually appear on the show.

Kurt's mind is amazing. He knows everything from "Opera" to "Novels" to "Potent Potables" to "American History" to "Double 'Q' Phrases" to "Women in Art" to ... whatever other categories that show is dreaming up.

The answers that appear on the screen baffle me. There aren't too many things in this world that baffle me, but Jeopardy answers are one of those things.

But not for Kurt. He can spit out an answer (in question form, of course) to absolutely anything that pops up on the screen between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. on a daily basis.

Most often, his answer (question) is correct, but if for some reason he's wrong, "he knew that" ("I knew that!") and proceeds to give reasoning behind his answer (question). I tend to ignore people like this.

Kurt is smart. Sometimes I have to wonder, though, if it is more like a *Good Will Hunting* smart. (By the way, I saw the movie this weekend. Yes, it's good.)

See, Kurt has a "C" lot sticker on his car. For three weeks, he was "parking in the improper lot," as security puts it.

Kurt's mind is amazing. He can spit out an answer (in question form, of course) to absolutely anything that pops up on the screen. I tend to ignore people like this.

But it is all good now, because he paid for his ticket(s?) and has moved his vehicle, at least for the time being.

Can we really say that this is one of Kurt's 'smarter' moves?

To the beat of their own drummers

Six seniors, one sophomore and a graduate all contribute to the making of their own recordings.

by Annette Everding/ Managing Editor

Charlie Rod and Matt Hibbard

After four years of friendship and making music together, senior Charlie Rod and 1997 graduate Matt Hibbard are still going strong with the release of their second CD *Shadow Whisper.*

After selling 20 copies of their first CD, the duo decided to put out a cleaner edition.

"The first was just rough," Rod said. "This [the second CD] has almost all of the same songs as the first one did with cleaner arrangements. It is an improved remake."

The two men have been a team for four years, although they come from different musical backgrounds.

Singing has been a part of the Rod's life for a long time.

"My parents have always been singing. I grew up on songs and always assumed I'd do the same," Rod said.

Courtesy of Charlie Rod and Matt Hibbard

Hibbard, on the other hand, said he didn't grow up with music in his family. Instead he began singing in junior high choir and continued through high school.

"I didn't do it in college because I just didn't have the motivation to walk across campus to sing everyday," he said.

According to Hibbard, he and Rod met the summer of 1993 at Camp EWALU. He said that summer Rod became known as "a real guitar man."

The next summer Rod loaned Hibbard a guitar and began to give him pointers on playing it.

It was after hearing Hibbard's first song that Rod sat down and wrote his first serious song, he said. The two would write songs and play them for each other.

"Matt would write a song and have me listen to it and then I would write a song and he would listen to it," Rod said.

Hibbard said he decided to transfer from Iowa State University to Wartburg in the fall of 1994 so the duo could continue to play together, and it wasn't long after that the duo began to talk of releasing a CD.

"We thought it would be cool," Hibbard said.

The first CD by the duo was done live in one of Wartburg's recording studios, according to Rod.

They sent the finished product to Hibbard's dad at ISU, who made them 20 copies and sent them back in May of 1996.

All the songs on this second, full-length CD are original compositions by Rod and Hibbard.

"It's acoustic folk with two decisively Christian songs," said Rod. "I would say it definitely has a Christian undercurrent to it."

The two musicians said knowing that people are listening to their music is "weird."

"It's weird for me to listen to myself on the tape done in the studio and know that it sounds good," Rod said.

"It's hard believing someone would listen to it in the car, but it's a good feeling," Hibbard said.

The men said they hope to continue singing and playing on some level in the future.

Rod has the CDs in his room, and they can be purchased by anyone who wants one.

Rod and Hibbard will perform in Legends Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

Angela Neve

Following a dream, Angela Neve she said she finally decided to take the plunge and "get my feet wet" by doing a demo tape.

The tape, *Out on a Limb*, features five songs written and performed by Neve.

Sophomore Aaron Strumpel, producer Rich Colligan and two of Neve's friends accompany her on the recording.

Neve said her dream became a reality this summer when she said she heard about Colligan from one of her friends. With the support of her parents Neve contacted Colligan and got the ball rolling.

According to Neve, the demo tape is a chance for her to ease into the music world and do a trial recording before doing a full length CD.

Neve said the recording is an exposure of her inner self because her music conveys things about her.

Though Neve said she couldn't classify her music in one particular category, the recording does have a Christian emphasis.

She said she titled the recording *Out on a Limb* for two reasons.

The effort took her "out on a limb because by doing the demo I am exposing myself" by expressing her self through her songs, Neve said.

The other reason for the album title came to her partially through something her mom said to her.

" She said 'Be willing to go out on a limb because that's where the best fruit is at,'" Neve said.

Neve said she hopes when people hear her music they will grow in their faith and be able to step out of their comfort zone to experience new things.

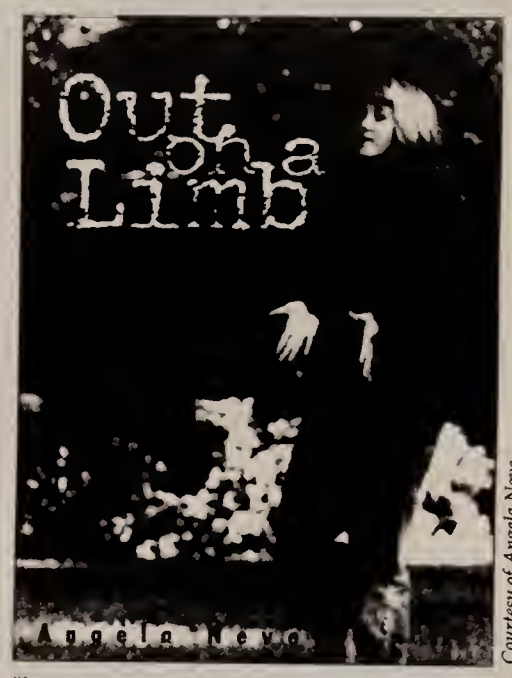
The title also goes hand in hand with the reason Neve loves to sing.

"The reason I sing is so I can encourage someone to do things in their own life," she said.

A portion of students on campus have already heard a few of Neve's songs, and one has even been sung by students.

The Wartburg community had the opportunity to sing one of Neve's songs "To Be Holy" Wednesday night at Eucharist.

Neve said it was an "awesome experience" for her to hear people singing along to one of her songs, and yet she said she was in awe to think that it was one of hers.



Courtesy of Angela Neve

"It was a neat feeling [hearing it sung], but humbling too, at the same time.

"It was almost like it wasn't really mine," she said.

According to Neve, hearing people sing the song she had written was "like having someone give you a compliment and not knowing how to take it."

The demo tape "is a realization of a dream," she said.

Recording professionally in Nashville is Neve's dream, but whether or not it comes true, she said she will continue singing, writing and playing songs throughout her life because music "will always be a part of me."

Neve's tape is on sale in the college bookstore.

Serenade

The acappella quintet Serenade, made up of Eric Allen, Matt Armstrong, Ben Anderson, Mike VanGorkom and Andrew Vickers brought its own style to a number of popular songs on its first album *Finally!*, according to VanGorkom.

Courtesy of Serenade

The men have been together as a group for four years, since singing at a variety show their freshmen year, and finally decided to record their first and probably only album together.

"Over this time [four years] there's been a few songs that have become Serenade classics," he said. "There have been requests for recordings of these songs because they are a representation of the group."

The album is a blend of '50s and '60s, pop, gospel and little of everything else.

"There pretty much is something for everyone on this album," VanGorkom said.

The quintet had the opportunity to do the recording through one of Anderson's connections in his hometown of Forest City, Iowa.

"We found it to be a very lengthy and detailed process," VanGorkom said.

He said most people probably visualize the five of them standing around a microphone or two and just singing until they get it right.

That's not all the recording process involved.

According to VanGorkom, the five would sing a song as a whole group and then each would sing his own part while listening to the group through a headset.

"Being the picky music people that we are we were often not happy with certain tracks," he said. "We sometimes spent about eight to ten hours on one song."

Now that the recording process is done, *Finally!* is scheduled to be released in February.

The CDs and tapes will be available on campus for the Wartburg community to purchase.

The group does plan to promote the recording by giving a few concerts on campus, mostly in May Term after Allen returns from Africa, VanGorkom said.

With the release of their first album, the members are not really sure how to adjust to people buying their music.

"It feels very strange to be a student group selling a recording to students," VanGorkom said. "But we think we've put together a collection of a lot of fun music that just about anyone can enjoy."

VanGorkom said the members decided it was time to do the album because the time during their college years is the "only chance that we'll have to do something like this."

The five seniors plan to separate after graduation.

"If we felt we had the opportunity to put together another album with the knowledge we gained from doing this one and we knew we would be together for an extended time we would consider doing another," VanGorkom said.

VIDEO GAMES POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS

by Dean Jansen
Staff Writer

Many Wartburg students have found a safe alternative to studying: video game systems. Game systems such as *Sega, Nintendo 64, Play Station, Super Nintendo* and *Atari* can all be found throughout the residence halls. "It's my way of getting away from it all,"said freshman Craig Moeller.

"I like to play to numb my mind."
- Greta Giese
freshman

Video game systems offer a wide range of games such as "Mickey Mouse," "James Bond 007," and many sports games like "College Football," "NHL 98," and "PGA Tour Golf."

Some students compete against each other in video game tournaments. Sophomores Sara Zinn and Sandy Philipp have compiled a team of five women and five men for an Atari tournament.

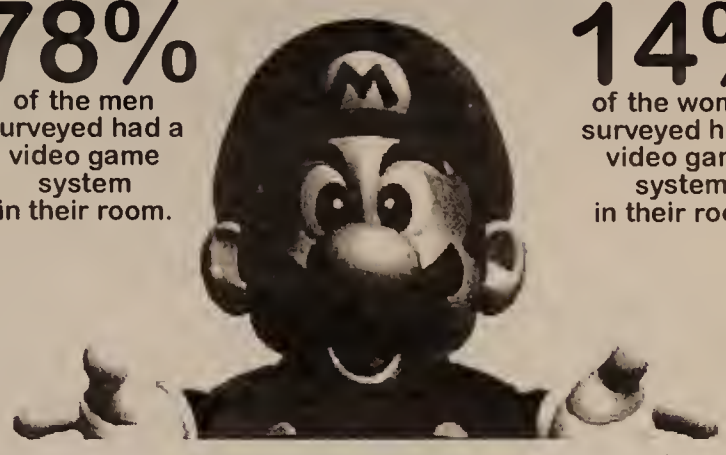
This is such a major event for Philipp and Zinn that they make t-shirts to give to the winners.

"It's a good way to show that women can beat the men," said Zinn.

Other students play the games not for competition, but as a release. Freshman Greta Giese said, "I like to play to numb my mind."

78% of the men surveyed had a video game system in their room.

14% of the women surveyed had a video game system in their room.



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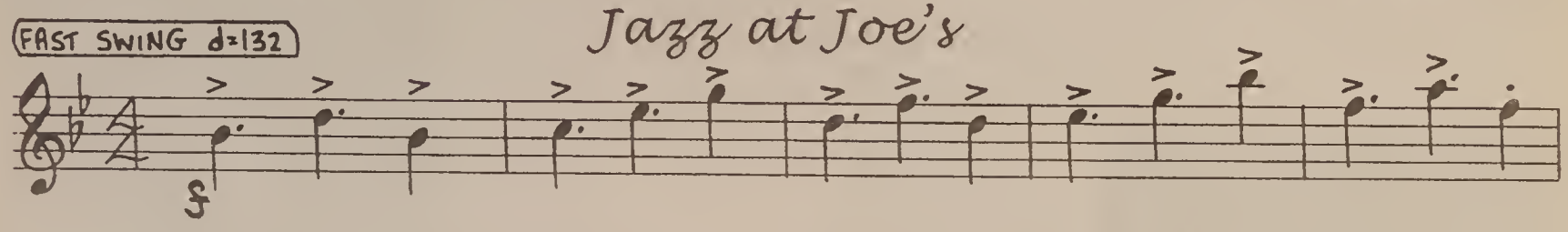
A survey of 50 men and 50 women was randomly given to Wartburg students throughout the residence halls on whether or not they had a video game system in their room.

Knightlighters to perform at popular bar



by Kelly Willrett
Staff Writer

Customers at Joe's Knighthawk will get a taste of some different music to keep their feet moving Wednesday night.

Jazz at Joe's, featuring Wartburg's Knightlighters Jazz Band, will play for two hours beginning at 9:30 p.m.

This is the first appearance for the jazz band at Joe's this year, but over the years it has become a tradition. According to Knightlighters Director Al Jacobson, Dr. Robert E. Lee, Wartburg's former band director, and Joe Breitbach, owner of Joe's, began this tradition 15 or 16 years ago. The reaction from Joe's customers has continued to be favorable over the years.

While the songs won't be straight off the radio, no one will be caught falling asleep in their drink.

"We'll play Joe's music, not slow ballad stuff," said sophomore Mike Bistline, a Knightlighters trumpeter. The variety of music will include swing, rock, Latin and big band.

Wednesday is also turning into something of a warm-up for the Knightlighters. In the works is a possible battle of the bands with the jazz band from Wartburg's traditional rival Luther College. Both jazz bands would appear together in March in a showdown to see which band is superior.

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Stage Manager .....Ephraim Zamzow
Lights .....Mike Nus
Sound .....Lisa Swab
Set Construction .....Andrew Vickers & .....Paul Seberger
Orchestra Director ..Pete Iverson
Set Decoration .....Art Dept.
Director .....Prof. Matthew Armstrong

CAST

Narrator #1 .....Chelsey Spore
Narrator #2 .....Melanie Harms
Jacob.....Ben LeClair
Reuben.....Andrew Vickers
Simeon .....Paul Seberger
Levi.....Michael VanGorkom
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Isaachar.....Chris Larsen
Asher .....Erik Ullestad
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Knights pound arch-rival Luther

Wartburg comes back after a loss at Central to demolish the Norse 64-42

by Maggie Cousin
Staff Writer

It was a challenging weekend for the Knights women's basketball team as they faced two of their top rivals.

The team traveled to Pella to face the Flying Dutch of Central on Friday. With Central students still on winter break, the Dutch gave quite a performance for the small crowd on hand.

Head Coach Monica Severson, who received a technical foul just 10 minutes into the game, said the women looked good defensively and played well in the first half; unfortunately errors in the second half forced the Knights to a 77-58 point loss.

While Central was able to make 50 percent of their shots from the field, "Nobody had the hot-hand. We missed a lot of shots in the second half and didn't get the help we needed off the bench," Severson said. Both the Knights and the Dutch received only 19 points from the bench.

"It was a frustrating loss; we could have played better. I look forward to meeting them again," said junior Kayah-Bah Phillmann who led the Knights in scoring with 16 points. Senior Mary Jo Vrba followed with a 15 point total.

Saturday night's game with Luther's Norse was a different story. The Knights controlled their conference co-leaders for a 64-42 point victory.

The Knights started their domination early in the first half, pressuring the Norse with forceful defense and shooting for 47 percent. Their aggressive play kept Luther's Norse from scoring and excited the fans .

Spirits were high as the Knights led 37-19 at half time. Severson felt the large crowd contributed to the women's success and "much needed win."

Severson said she was pleased with the Knights defensive performance.

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GOING HARD TO THE HOLE—Mary Jo Vrba takes the ball to the basket while Kayah-Bah Phillmann watches. The Knights beat up on the Norse 64-42.

"We played good defense. We created turnovers and never let them get into any offensive rhythm," she said.

"This was an important win for us. After Friday's loss to Central, we needed this win to get our momentum back," said Phillmann who had a double-double, scoring 13 points and 14 rebounds. Vrba and junior Jennifer Nettleton contributed 10 and 9 points, respectively.

The Knights came into the second half expecting a stronger Luther and a good run from Megan Stull, said Phillmann. But they were able to keep Luther under control and maintain a large point margin.

The Knights received 28 points from the bench, a great improvement from Friday.

"Nettleton was good on the inside and Sarah Hinrichs was also helpful," said Severson.

The Knights will travel to Dubuque and Oskaloosa this weekend.

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From there the lead changed hands many times, with Wartburg and Luther battling back and forth.

With 1:00 left in the game Brynjar Olafsson of Luther made it 64-61, giving Luther their largest lead of the game.

On the ensuing possession Dave Nielsen made two free throws to bring the Knights within one.

Wilson was fouled with 42 seconds remaining and missed the front end of a one and one.

Thad Peck grabbed the rebound and then with 10 seconds remaining Dave Nielsen made a scoop shot that looked like the game winner making it 65-64 Wartburg.

With two seconds left on the clock Wartburg's Kloster was called for a foul on Wilson.

This time the freshman calmly stepped up to the line and sank both free throws giving Luther a 66-65 lead.

Wartburg called a time-out hoping for a miracle as they needed to travel the length of the floor in two seconds.

It looked as if the Knights would get that miracle as Luther defender Matt Evans collided with Kloster on the inbound pass.

The Wartburg bench as well as the crowd wanted a foul on the play but the referee did not see it that way. The clock ran out giving Luther the 66-65 victory.

"We had chances to put them away but we kept turning the ball over. We also missed some key shots," said Kloster.

Coach Dick Peth added that Luther made the crucial shots when they needed to at the end.

Kloster lead the Knights with 17 points and Nielsen and Peck had 14 and 10 points, respectively.

The loss was Wartburg's third consecutive as the Knights lost to Central Flying Dutchmen by a score of 88-79 Friday night in Pella.

Central was red hot from three point land shooting an incredible 56 percent for the game while the Knights shot only 33 percent from the three point stripe.

Kloster pulled down nine rebounds and had a game high of 23 points for the Knights.

Nielsen, Ryan Schultz and Thad Peck each contributed with 12 points for the Knights in the losing efforts.

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SHOW ME THE UPS!—Center Matt Wheeler wins the tip off during Saturday night's game against the rival Luther's team, which narrowly escaped a defeat as it nipped the Knights 66-65 Saturday night.

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WARTBURG
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Two Norse free throws sink Knights

Rich Kloster scores 1,000th point to place him in Wartburg record book; Luther wins in wild finish before a packed crowd.

by Andrew Logue
Staff Writer

On the night when Rich Kloster scored his 1,000th point, placing himself among Wartburg's athletic elite, Luther freshman Josh Wilson stole the show by sinking two free-throws, with two seconds left in the game, to defeat the Knights 66-65.

Saturday night's home game against arch rival Luther College was a physical battle from tip-off to the final buzzer.

It was the 118th meeting between these two teams, with Wartburg leading the series 76-41.

This game was everything the fans expected and was nothing short of a knock-down drag-out fight that is expected when Luther comes to campus.

Throughout the game Wartburg and Luther fans taunted each other by yelling obscenties at eachother and the opposing players.

"Rivals are always great but its disappointing when you are on the short end of it," said first year coach Dick Peth.

In the second half with only 1:07 gone off the clock, Kloster sunk two free throws to reach 1,000 points for his career at Wartburg becoming the 23rd player in Knights history to do so.

Kloster said he felt a little tight in the first half because he was thinking about the 1,000 points.

"It took a lot of pressure off me when I finally got those points. The guys were razzing me ever since they found out I was close," said Kloster.

Wartburg scored the first points of the game and held that lead until late in the second half.

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Knights pounce Panthers

by Jason Crooks
Staff Writer

"We think we have the ability to go in there and do very well."

Those were the words of Wartburg Head Wrestling Coach Jim Miller last week when asked about his team's chances this past weekend at the UNI duals.

And do very well they did.

JIM MILLER

The Knights powered their way into the finals of the mostly Division I-schooled 8-team field, finishing second overall to Central Oklahoma after a hard-fought, very close 21-16 match.

Wartburg started off the day fast, beating Southern Illinois-Edwardsville with a lopsided score of 38-6. Zac Weiglein, Casey Doyle and Nick Mitchell all had record falls in that meet. In the next round, the grapplers from Waverly advanced to the finals by embarassing the hosts of the tournament, the UNI Panthers, by a score of 24-16.

Miller felt little remorse in beating his alma mater.

"It was good. I like their program, and I'm a proud alum, but I am the Wartburg coach," said Miller.

Miller lettered for the Panthers from 1971-75.

Miller returned to UNI as a top assistant coach there before coming to Wartburg.

In that victory, the Knights were greatly boosted by a forfeit to Doyle at 126, and a fall by transfer 142-pounder Ben Shane. Other winners included Mike Alesch, who scored a major decision over his opponent at 158, beating him 14-4; senior captain Chris Ortner, who trounced his competitor by the 15-point technical fall— ending the match at six minutes, 32 seconds.

Heavyweight Matt Powelka sealed off the victory for Wartburg, winning by a close 6-2 decision.

Often strong Central Oklahoma squeaked out a victory in the finals.

They barely captured the title after heavyweight Powelka was called for stalling with just seconds left in his match, knotting the score at 4-4.

Powelka then was taken down in overtime by Central Oklahoma's Winterhawk Windchief, giving the individual victory to Windcheif and the team title to Central Oklahoma.

Miller said he was impressed with his athletes' efforts on the day.

"We wrestled real hard. Our goal is always to go out and wrestle as hard as you can, and we did that. It showed up in all the matches," said Miller.

The nationally-ranked Knight wrestlers were coming off a two-week span which saw them win all six dual meets at a Florida tournament over the holidays, crush highly-regarded and then second-ranked University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 27-9.

They then blistered Simpson, the eigth-best team in Division III according to the pollsters, by an outstandingly uneven score of 36-6.

The men did have one loss to scar their perfect record, a 24-10 defeat by defending national champion Augsburg on Jan. 11.

Miller gave credit to team leaders Ortner and Josh Dodd, the 177 and 190 pounders, respectively, for their overall consistency in all these meets, and also to the inspiration of lightweight Weiglein.

Miller hinted strongly that the Wartburg wrestling team is not satisfied with where they are right now, specifically citing his team's loss to Augsburg.

"We wrestled real hard. Our goal is always to go out and wrestle as hard as you can, and we did that. It showed up in all the matches."
—Jim Miller
wrestling coach

"We are a long way from where we need to be for the National Title. But I like challenges, and I'm not conceding anything to anybody," he said.

The Knights return home for a busy week with duals Thursday against Coe College and Friday against Ohio Northern.

Wartburg 24, Northern Iowa 16

118--Keller (UNI) dec. Weiglein, 8-0; 126 --Doyle (War) won by forfeit; 134--Nick Flach (UNI) dec. Mitchell, 10-4; 142--Ben Shane(War) threw Glen Pero 3:48; 150--Bahr (UNI) dec. Casey Christensen, 10-5; 158--Mike Alesch (War) dec. Barton, 14-4; 167--Beaman (UNI) dec. Jobgen, 11-9; 177--Ortner (War) tech. fall over Robert Armey, 19-4, 6:32; 190--Bigley (UNI) dec. Dodd, 18-14; HWT--Powelka (War) dec. Beamer, 6-2.

Player Profile: Rich Kloster

Name: Rich Kloster

Hometown: Manly, Iowa

High School:
Manly High School

Family:
Parents Vaughn and Carolyn, older brother Christian and younger brother Mike

Major: Math and math education

Favorite Food: Kraft Macaroni and Cheese

Favorite Movie: *Princess Bride*

Favorite TV Show: "G. I. Joe"- old cartoon series

Favorite Actor:
Timothy Robbins

Favorite Quote:
"Lit. of Old and New sucks. It's the worst class I've ever taken, thrice."
—anonoymous friend

Hobbies:
Hanging out with friends, watching movies

What brought you to Wartburg?
"The people here. My brother played here so I was around here during high school and the basketball atmosphere."

Biggest Thrill:
"My freshman year I sunk two free-throws to beat Luther."

Scariest Moment:
"The game I tore my ACL agianst Augsburg. I thought I might be done."

Most Embarrasing Moment:
"I always try to tell stories and make them good, but people always make fun of me about them."

Future plans:
"I hope to get a teaching job and coach somewhere around Iowa or close by like Illinois or Minnesota. I'll see how it goes, and maybe go back and get my master's later on."

Words of Wisdom:
"Have fun while it lasts."

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